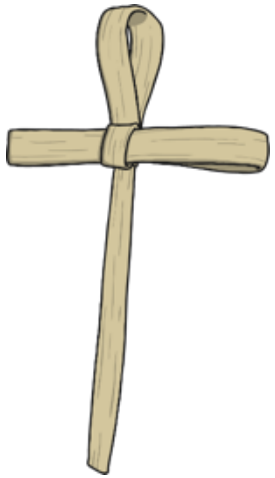
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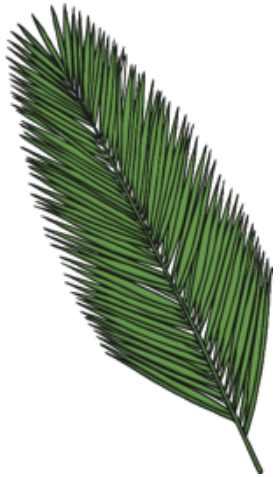
When Is Lent?

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday.
(The day after Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Tuesday.)



Lent lasts for 40 days. It starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Sunday. However, if you look at a calendar and count the days, there are more than 40 days. Lent is actually 46 days, however the six Sundays are excluded because there is no obligation to fast on Sundays in Lent.

What Does Lent Mean?



Lent is the most important time in the Church's year; a time of preparation in the Catholic faith.

Lent is the time of new beginnings, new growth. It is a time to ask for forgiveness for our sins and try to be more like Jesus.

How do we prepare during Lent?

- We fast, or go without something we enjoy.
- We spend extra time praying.
- We normally go to church more.
- We give to charity.
- We try to be more like Jesus in our actions, by doing kind and helpful things.

What can you do at home to be more like Jesus? What acts of kindness could you do?

PALM SUNDAY…









Palm Sunday takes place the Sunday before Easter. During the Mass on Palm Sunday, palms get blessed.

We will learn more about this in a few weeks.





- Hundreds of years ago, when Christians wanted to receive God's forgiveness, for something they had done wrong, they covered themselves with ashes.
- Today Christians receive ashes on Ash Wednesday to think about needing forgiveness and wanting to change to become more like Jesus.
- The **ashes** used on **Ash Wednesday** are made from the burning of **palms** blessed in the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration







The Colour Purple

The priest wears purple garments and a purple cloth is placed on the altar during Lent.

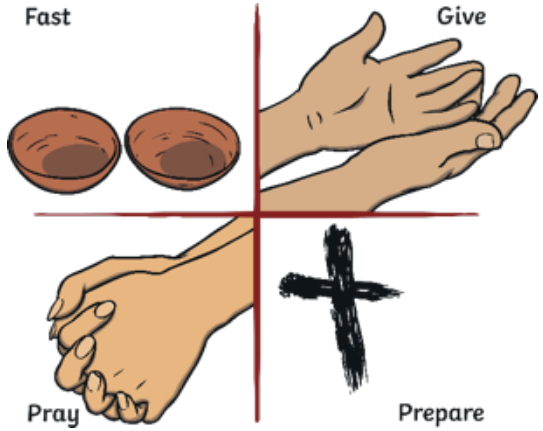
Why?

- Purple symbolises both pain and suffering leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus.
- It also symbolises the suffering of all humans and the world under sin.
- Purple is also the colour of royalty. This reminds people that Jesus is King.

Can you think of another time of year that the church uses purple?

How Can People Remember What God Sacrificed?

Giving up some treats or home comforts helps people understand how much Jesus sacrificed.



What could people give up for Lent?



Can you think of a time you have made a bad choice, and had to ask for forgiveness?

LO: to make a Lenten promise.

Today you are going to write your own Lenten promise…

What are you going to make a special effort to do during Lent?

It could be that you are going to try and do something to raise money for a charity.
It could be that you are going to complete some acts of kindness every day.
It could be that you are going to help with jobs at home.

During Lent, I promise to…

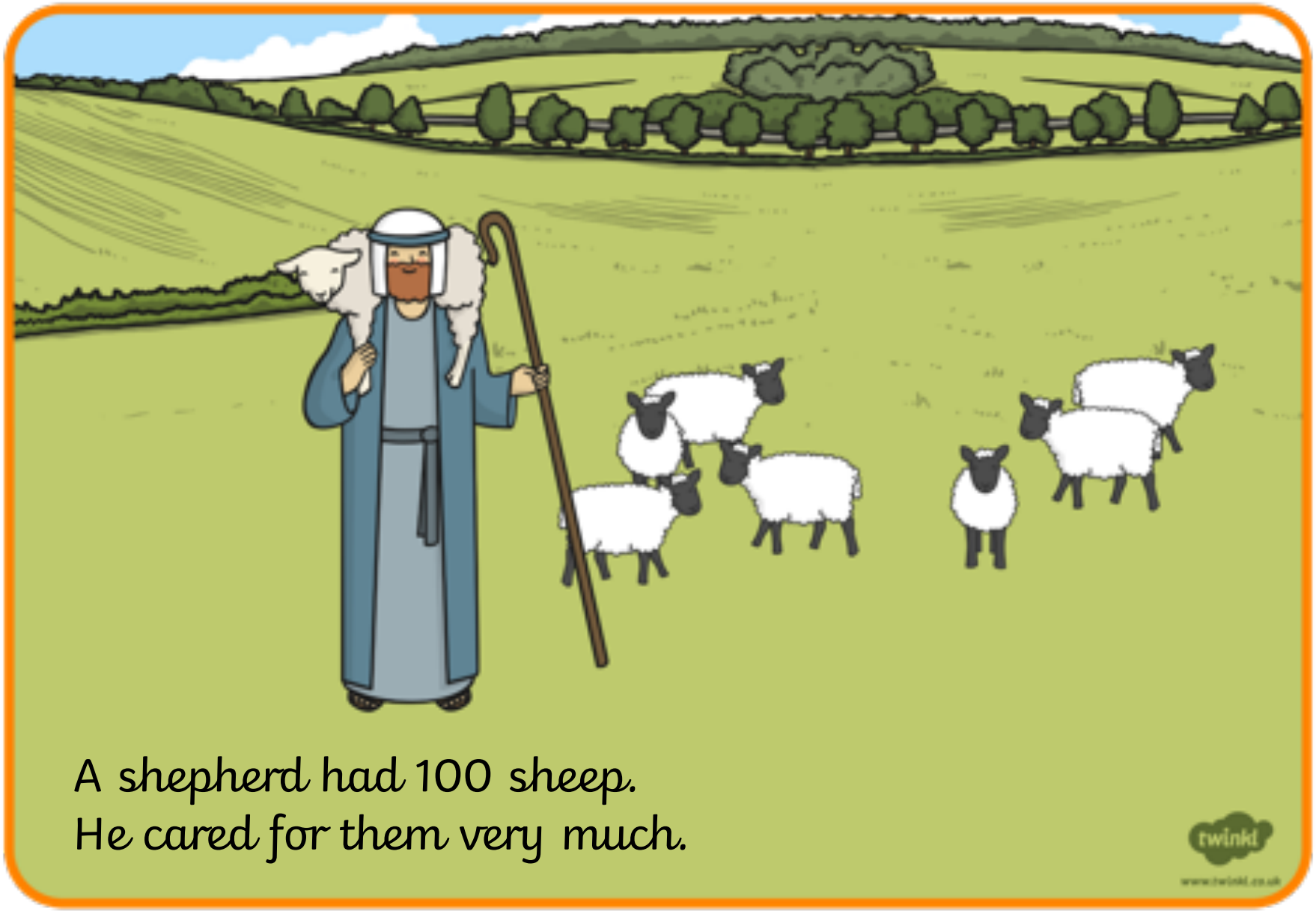
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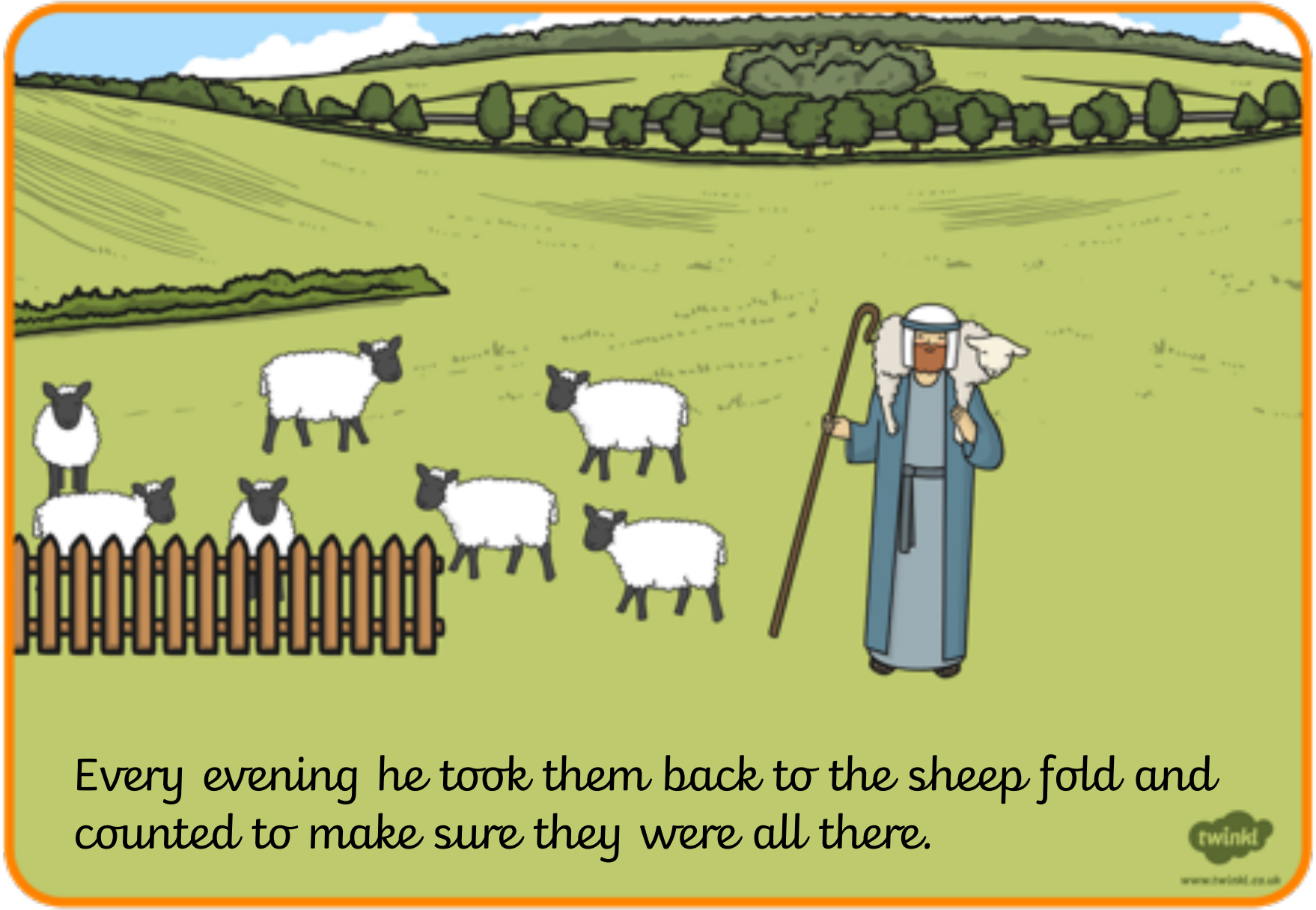
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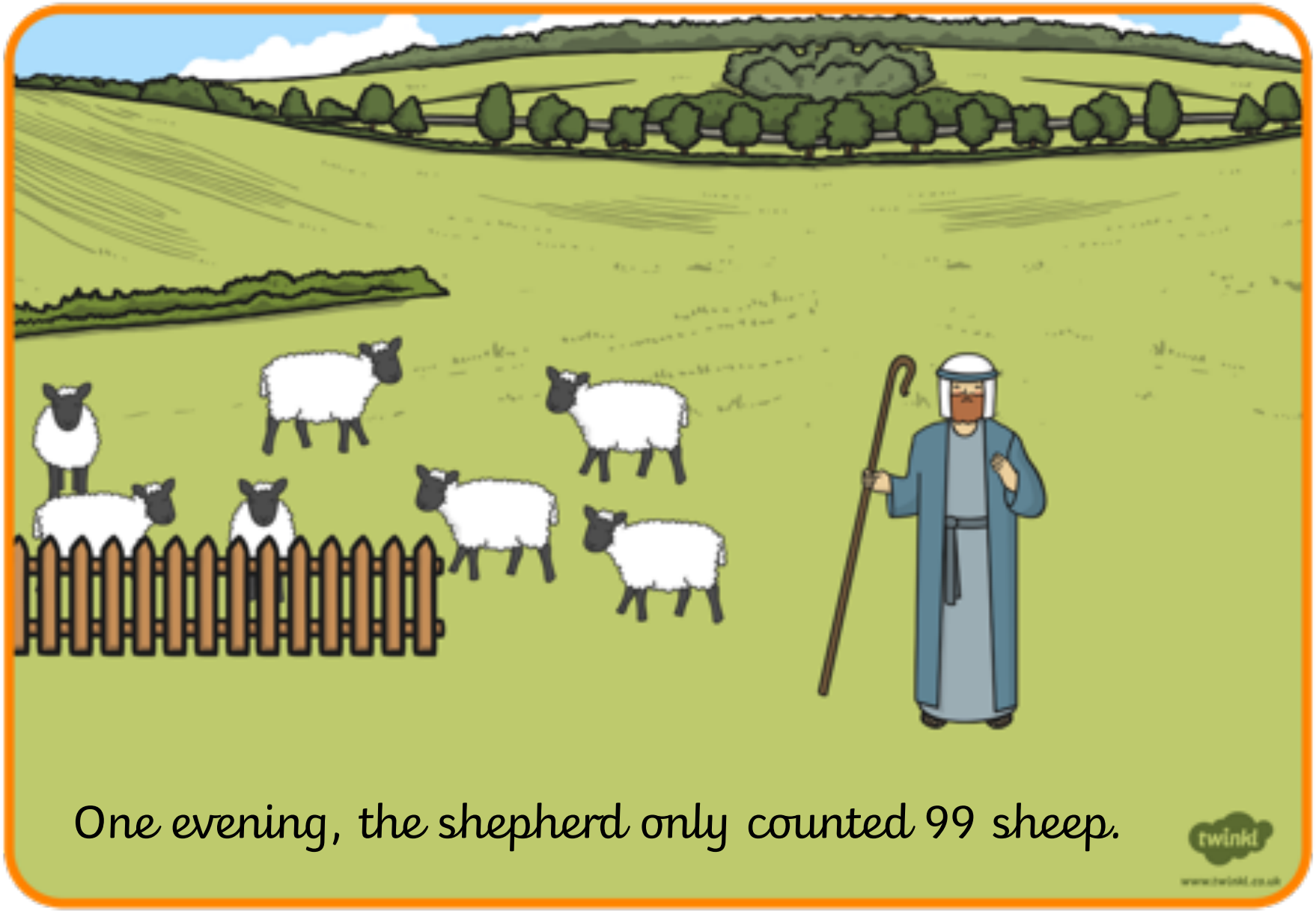
Read Lk. 15: 1-7 – The Parable of the Lost Sheep on the following slides.


The Lost Sheep
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A shepherd had 100 sheep.
He cared for them very much.
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He watched over them in case any animals came to attack.
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Every evening he took them back to the sheep fold and counted to make sure they were all there.
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One evening, the shepherd only counted 99 sheep.
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The shepherd was very worried and went out to look for his lost sheep.
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He searched and searched.
Where was his sheep?
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Finally, he found it!
It had got trapped amongst some rocks.
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The shepherd carried his sheep home and made sure it was safe.
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The shepherd was so happy, he threw a party to celebrate!
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L.O. I know that the parable of the Lost Sheep teaches us about God forgiving his people

Some things to think about…

What did the shepherd risk in going to find the one lost sheep?

Do you think it was easy for the shepherd to find the lost sheep?

What would he have used to help him?

Imagine you were the shepherd…
What would you have said when you found your lost sheep?

TASK: You are going to retell the story from the Shepherd's point of view. This means you need to use words like 'I' and 'me' to pretend you are the shepherd writing the story.